

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A computer implemented method for
2 generating a goods receipt for approving and paying an
3 invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match
4 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a
5 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated
6 in quality and quantity against said purchase order,
7 comprising the steps of:

8 receiving a requisition from a requestor of
9 commodities;

10 marking said commodities upon said requisition as
11 either receivable or non-receivable commodities;

12 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

13 matching said invoice to said purchase order and
14 determining if said invoice relates to an item
15 designated on said invoice as receivable;

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16 generating from said invoice a notification to said
17 requestor of commodities that includes information
18 needed to pay the invoice and a selectable button for
19 generating a response for authorizing or rejecting
20 payment to enable said three way match by said
21 requestor of goods received, purchase order, and
22 invoice;

23 for commodities marked as receivable, executing a
24 positive confirmation process including:

25 responsive to a response authorization generated
26 by said requestor authorizing payment, creating an
27 automated receipt transaction file and entering
28 said transaction file into an enterprise resource
29 planning system for payment; and

30 responsive to a response generated by said
31 requestor rejection by said requestor rejecting
32 payment, creating an e-mail notification to
33 accounts payable for returning said invoice to
34 said vendor;

35 for commodities marked as non-receivable, executing a

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36 negative confirmation process.

2-9 [Canceled]

1 10. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising the step on a scheduled basis of executing a
3 bridge for sending data from said database to said back-end
4 procurement services system for new invoice items for which
5 payment has been accepted.

1 11. [Original] The method of claim 10, further comprising
2 the step of posting as goods receipts at said back-end
3 procurement services system said new invoice items for which
4 payment has been accepted.

1 12. [Currently amended] The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 directing said ~~authorizer~~ requestor to review a
4 positive confirmation notice within a front-end
5 requisition and catalog system;

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6 responsive to said ~~authorizer~~ requestor logging in to
7 said front-end system, displaying said notification.

1 13. [Currently amended] System for generating a goods
2 receipt for approving and paying an invoice for commodities
3 triggered by a three way match whereby said invoice must
4 match terms and conditions of a purchase order, and goods
5 received must match those stated in quality and quantity
6 against said purchase order, comprising:

7 a front-end requisition and catalog server; said front-
8 end server for marking said commodities upon
9 requisition as either receivable or non-receivable
10 commodities;

11 a user interface to said front-end server for receiving
12 positive confirmation notices and providing positive
13 confirmation responses;

14 a back-end procurement services system;

15 said front-end system responsive to receiving an
16 invoice from said back-end system marked at ~~time or~~

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17 time of requisition as a non-receivable commodity that
18 was sourced from said front-end server of executing a
19 negative confirmation process for payment
20 authorization;

21 said front-end server being responsive receiving an
22 invoice from said back-end system marked at time of
23 requisition as a receivable commodity for executing a
24 positive confirmation process for payment authorization
25 including matching said invoice to said purchase order
26 to identify an invoiced item as a receivable commodity,
27 generating from said invoice for said receivable
28 commodity a notification to an authorizer that includes
29 information needed to authorize payment of said ~~pay the~~
30 invoice by generating said goods receipt and a
31 selectable button for authorizing or rejecting payment
32 to enable said three way match by said requestor of
33 goods received, purchase order, and invoice; and

34 said front-end server being responsive to a goods
35 receipt authorization generated by said authorizer
36 authorizing payment for an invoice received for a
37 commodity marked at requisition as a receivable
38 commodity for creating an automated receipt transaction

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39 file and entering said transaction file into said back-
40 end system for payment.

14-16 [Canceled]

1 17. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 generating a goods receipt for use in approving and paying
5 an invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match
6 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a
7 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated
8 in quality and quantity against said purchase order, said
9 method steps comprising:

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11 marking said commodities upon requisition as either
12 receivable or non-receivable commodities;

13 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

14 determining if an item for goods on said invoice is for
15 a commodity item marked on said purchase order as
16 receivable or non-receivable;

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17 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity item
18 marked upon requisition as a non-receivable commodity,
19 executing a negative confirmation process for payment
20 authorization;

21 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity item
22 marked upon requisition as a receivable commodity,
23 executing a positive confirmation process for payment
24 authorization, including:

25 matching said invoice to said purchase order;

26 generating from said invoice a notification to an
27 authorizer that includes information needed to pay
28 the invoice and a selectable button for
29 authorizing or rejecting payment to generate said
30 goods receipt to enable said three way match by
31 ~~said requestor of goods received~~ of good receipt,
32 purchase order, and invoice; and

33 responsive to ~~authorization~~ a goods receipt input
34 by said authorizer authorizing payment of a
35 receivable commodity item, creating an automated
36 receipt transaction file and entering said

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37 transaction file into a system for payment.

18. [Canceled]

1 19. [Currently amended] A computer program product for
2 generating a goods receipt for approving and paying an
3 invoice for commodities for payment triggered by a three way
4 match whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions
5 of a purchase order, and goods received must match those
6 stated in quality and quantity against said purchase order,
7 comprising:

8 a computer readable medium;

9 first program instructions for receiving a requisition
10 for commodities from a requestor and marking said
11 commodities selectively as receivable and non-
12 receivable commodities;

13 second program instructions for receiving said invoice
14 for commodities from a vendor and determining whether
15 said commodities have been marked at requisition as
16 receivable or non-receivable;

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17 third program instructions responsive to receiving an
18 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a
19 receivable commodity for executing a positive
20 confirmation process including matching said invoice to
21 said purchase order, generating from said invoice a
22 notification to said requestor that includes
23 information needed to pay the invoice and a selectable
24 button for generating a goods receipt authorizing or
25 rejecting payment to enable said three way match-by
26 ~~said requestor~~ of goods received, purchase order, and
27 invoice, and responsive to authorization by said
28 ~~authorizer~~ requestor, creating from said goods receipt
29 an automated receipt transaction file and entering said
30 transaction file into a system for payment;

31 fourth program instructions responsive to receiving an
32 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a non-
33 receivable commodity for executing a negative
34 confirmation process; and wherein

35 said first, second, third and fourth program
36 instructions are recorded on said medium.

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